

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the section entitled "Detailed Description," add a paragraph on page 8, after the second full paragraph on the page, as follows:

In the embodiment shown in Figure 2, universal joint 10 (which includes pin 15, ring 17 and spherically-formed member 18) serves as part of a connector attaching the spring 4 to the plate 5. More generally, a connector for attaching the spring to the plate may include a mobile joint such as a ball-and-socket joint, hinge joint, saddle joint, pivot joint, gliding joint, or condyloid joint. In addition, it will be appreciated that the clamping device 12 may clamp or grip the spring 4 (e.g. by a set screw or similar mechanism), or be released therefrom.